

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

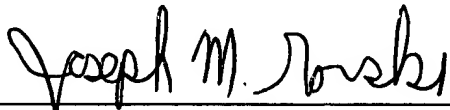
In the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, claims 20-24, 26-29 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berman. And, claims 33-50 were allowed.

Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejection issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, by the current Amendment claims 20-24, 26-29 and 32 are cancelled, whereby only allowed claims 33-50 remain. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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